(ii) No. Only 21 posts have so far been listed. One post on the Executive side has not been listed. [Also see answer to clause (*e*)].

" (*i*) It is expected that there will be on the Madras cadre of the new All-India Administrative Service a percentage of ' listed ' posts. Details have not yet been worked out.

" (*j*) ' Listed ' posts will probably be equivalent to superior posts in the new All-India Administrative Service, as they have been in the I.C.S. but details have not yet been worked out.

" (*k*) Yes. There are 35 divisions reserved for the members of the I.C.S. The reservation is made for administrative reasons."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know from the Government whether even now, after August 15th, the answer ' No ' to clause (*g*) of the question continues to hold good ? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" As I have said the whole question is under consideration and we have not arrived at any definite conclusion."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask, Sir, what this All-India Administrative Service is, what its constitution is and what its relation to the new set-up in the Provinces is? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It is too big a question."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I should like the hon. Member to put a fresh question. I will have to refer to the details and furnish him an answer."

Vacancies reserved for the Scheduled classes by direct recruitment.

* 2 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the proportion of vacancies reserved in favour of the Scheduled classes by direct recruitment;

(*b*) the number of vacancies in different services which fell vacant and to which the Scheduled classes were entitled under (*a*) since 1940 (year-war);

(*c*) the number of applications received for each of the vacant posts reserved for Scheduled castes since 1940 (year-war);

(*d*) whether the vacancies remaining unfilled for want of suitable candidates have accumulated and, if so, what the number of such accumulated posts is in each service; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to increase the proportion of reservation of vacancies for Scheduled castes so as to bring it into accord with their population ratio?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) $8\frac{1}{3}$ per cent of vacancies in the services and posts to which recruitment is made on communal basis are reserved for Scheduled castes candidates.

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" (*b*) *to* (*d*) The Government consider that the collection of the information which involves undue labour is not commensurate with any public interest.

" (*e*) Certain proposals for increasing the percentage are under consideration."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" With reference to answer to clause (*d*), unless we know the number of reserved posts, it is not possible to find out the number of posts which have been filled up and the number which have not been filled up. Is it difficult to collect the figures with regard to these $8\frac{1}{3}$ per cent of the posts? May I request the Government, if not to-day at least some time later to collect the figures? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government have first of all to consider the difficulty involved in gathering the statistics required in the question and then consider whether the figures collected will be of value either for the services or for the public interest. On these two considerations, the Government have found it rather difficult to go into the question. But if the hon. Member still desires to have the information, I shall refer the matter again and when the information is collected I shall certainly give it to him."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" I am anxious about the point raised in clause (*d*), and I shall be glad if the Hon. Minister will have the figures collected? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"All right, Sir. We shall try."

Fines levied under the City Police Act.

* 3 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : With reference to answer to Question No. 109 answered on 25th March 1947, and the supplementary questions on the same, will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state whether instructions referred to therein have been issued by Government?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The answer is in the negative."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it not a fact that the Government have issued instructions to honorary magistrates that exemplary punishments should be awarded to those people who are convicted of selling sweets, fruits, vegetables, etc., in the pavements and pials and so on? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The hon. Member should know that it is not fair on the part of the Executive to give any instructions to the Judiciary whether honorary or stipendiary, in the matter of punishments because it would be cutting into their independence. People have been crying hoarse for the separation of the Judiciary and the Executive. Under such circumstances the Government felt that it would be neither fair nor proper to give such instructions to the magistrates concerned."